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SUBJECT: "TIMES" EDITORIAL ON EC-US RELATIONS

1. AN EDITORIAL IN "THE TIMES" OF OCTOBER 26 NOTES THE EXTENT TO WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE IMPROVED OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE EDITORIAL WELCOMES THIS "NEW UNDERSTANDING," AND STATES THAT THE CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE US AND THE COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATE THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP.

2. THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE PERIODIC SOAMES-CASEY
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TALKS MEAN THAT EACH SIDE IS "MORE AWARE OF THE OTHER

SIDE'S FEELINGS AND POLICIES, AND CAN TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN THEIR OWN POLICY-MAKING." THE PROBLEMS THAT AROSE OVER THE US EXPORT EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS WERE RESOLVED "SURPRISINGLY QUICKLY," ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL. "THIS MARKS QUITE A DIFFERENCE FROM THE WAY THAT RECRIMINATIONS USED TO CRISS-CROSS THE ATLANTIC OVER FARM POLICY."

3. THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MTN "ARE PROCEEDING RATHER WELL," AND OTHER EXCHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE ON SUBJECTS LIKE ENERGY POLICY, PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. ALL THE PROBLEMS ARE NOT BEING SOLVED, BUT THERE IS NOW "A REAL DIALOGUE."

4. COMMENT. THIS EDITORIAL WAS INSPIRED BY A LUNCHEON TALK GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD IN LONDON ON OCTOBER 23, AT WHICH J. OLIVER WRIGHT, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE FCO IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND DAVID SPANIER, EUROPEAN EDITOR OF "THE TIMES," WERE PRESENT.

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